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- 1. AMONG OTHER MAIL ARRIVING BY POUCH TODAY FOR EMBASSY TO ANSWER WAS TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER FROM ANDREI AMALRIK FEB 13, 1977.
- 2. TEXT OF TELEGRAM IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUS

MR. PRESIDENT, RECENT EVENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION HAVE SHOWN THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE TRYING TO ELIMINATE THE HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT EVEN BEFORE THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE AND THAT AT THE SAME TIME THEY ARE TESTING YOUR FIRMNESS AS A PRESIDENT. COMBINED PRESSURE OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES ON THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN THE CASE OF THE HELSINKI GROUP OF PROFESSOR ORLOV WILL NOT ONLY BRING ABOUT THE RELEASE OF ORLOV AND GINZBURG, BUT WILL ALSO SHOW THE SOVIET UNION THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO STAND YOUR GROUND. IF ON THE OTHER HAND YOU SHOULD PREFER TO WITHDRAW UNDER THE PRETEXT OF ANXIETY FOR THE FATES OF OTHER DISSIDENTS OR IF YOU SHOULD BE WILLING TO SACRIFICE HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THE SAKE OF THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, SOVIET LEADERS WILL NO LONGER CONSIDER YOU AS A SERIOUS OPPONENT. THE CASE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS IN EASTERN EUROPE MIGHT DEVELOP INTO ANOTHER "CUBAN CRISIS" WHERE KENNEDY SHOWED HIS STRENGTH AND WON.

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ANDREW AMALRIK GISBERT BROMLAAN 72 UTRECHT, HOLLAND END QUOTE.

3. WE ARE, OF COURSE PREPARED TO REPLY ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT. AS WE DO IN MANY OTHER CASES WHICH ARE ROUTINE.

4.	GIVEN	SPECIAL	NATURE	OF THIS	CASE, V	VE WISI	H TO BE S	URE
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